



# Falmouth Congregational Church

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

267 Falmouth Road

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Serving Christ and Community since

1754 Third Parish Church;

1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson

10:00 AM

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4th, 2020



## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING MUSIC

Barbara Graustein & John Wilcox

### \*WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Almighty God, who has bidden us to seek that we may find

**All: And who pours upon us your spirit of everlasting grace**

One: Help us to become masters of ourselves, so that we might be servants of others

**All: Take our minds and think through them**

One: Take our lips and speak through them

**All: Take our hands and work through them**

One: And take our hearts and set them on fire. Amen.

### HYMN

"Spirit of Jesus"

Barbara Graustein

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Amelia Edson

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Loving God, day by day your blessings surround us.

**All: We come again with joyful hearts to seek your presence.**

One: O, That we could be reborn like the morning.

**All: For even as we seek to commune with you, shadows dim the joy of our aspiration.**

One: We remember our thoughtless moments, our impatient tempers, our selfish aims, our fearful grasping.

**All: And yet, your still, small voice whispers in our inmost conscience, appealing to us to choose the better part.**

**One: Sweep away every dust of care, every trace of fear, every stain of uncharitable mind**

**All: So that we may serve you and rejoice in newness of spirit.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

From Romans 8

**One: With our Scripture we proclaim:**

**All: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God.**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

(NRSV p. 173; RSV p.184<sup>†</sup>)

Steve Hendry

**THE SERMON**

Rev. Amelia Edson

**ANTHEM**

Barbara Graustein & John Wilcox

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Paul Davis

**HYMN**

“O World of God”

Barbara Graustein

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go in Peace”

No.445

## POSTLUDE

\* An usher will release people from the sanctuary one pew at a time.

Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.

(\*)Please rise in body or spirit.

† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

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### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Guest Organist:* Brian Wilson  
*Liturgist:* Steve Hendry  
*Ushers:* Peggy and Mark Horton  
*Special Music:* John Wilcox, Barbara Graustein  
*Online Worship:* Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann,  
Jack Gervais, John Wilcox

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### Next Sunday's Lectionary



Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 12-23; Philipians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

## **Church Office Hours**

***The church office remains open by appointment.***

***Please call or email to make an appointment.***

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